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SUBJECT: MBFR: POSITIONS OF GENSCHER AND SCHMIDT

BEGIN SUMMARY: FONOFF PLANNING STAFF DIRECTOR KINKEL,  
A CONFIDANT OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, HAS GIVEN  
VISITING S/P MEMBER KAPLAN A BACKGROUND AND STATUS OF  
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S EARLIER CALLS FOR PROGRESS AND  
HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON MBFR. DURING MAY 31 TOUR D'  
HORIZON ON FRG POLICIES, KINKEL VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING  
ON MBFR. END SUMMARY.

1. KINKEL RECALLED SCHMIDT STATEMENTS ON MBFR DURING  
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AND SHORTLY AFTER LAST YEAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN, STATING  
THAT CHANCELLOR WAS RESPONDING TO PRESSURE FROM SPD  
LEFT OF CENTER, INCLUDING BRANDT, EHMKE AND PAWELCZYK,  
WHO FAVORED SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS. IN IMMEDIATE POST-  
ELECTION PERIOD, SCHMIDT WAS READY TO ENTERTAIN SYMBOLIC  
REDUCTION CONCEPT, IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SPD LEFT AND  
TO GIVE SENSE OF ENHANCED MOVEMENT IN FRG OSTPOLITIK.

BUT KINKEL SAID THE CHANCELLOR HAS NO "PLANS" OR  
"PROPOSAL" OF HIS OWN.

2. KINKEL, WHO WAS NEGOTIATOR OF GOVERNMENT POLICY A  
AGREEMENT FOR FDP, SAID GENSCHER MADE MAJOR ISSUE OF  
MBFR DURING COALITION NEGOTIATIONS. GENSCHER WAS IN  
AGREEMENT ON TWO MAJOR POINTS WHICH WERE INCORPORATED  
IN COALITION AGREEMENT: (A) NO NATIONAL CEILINGS; AND  
(B) NO SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS. (AGREEMENT ALSO  
STIPULATED THAT FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR PARITY  
RESULT.

3. KINKEL NOTED THAT SINCE COALITION TALKS ENDED IN  
DECEMBER, SCHMIDT PERSONALLY HAS MADE NO NEW APPEALS FOR  
MBFR PROGRESS NOR HIGHLIGHTED POTENTIAL OF FRG/SOVIET  
SUMMIT AS FORUM FOR MBFR BREAKTHROUGH. (EMBASSY  
COMMENT: KINKEL HAD OBVIOUSLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT SCHMIDT'S  
APRIL 30 "HAMBURGER MORGENPOST" INTERVIEW IN WHICH  
SCHMIDT AGAIN SPOKE OF THE FRG TAKING INITIATIVES IN  
VIENNA. IN A MARCH 30 PRESS CONFERENCE THE CHANCELLOR  
INDICATED THE FRG WAS WORKING ON ITS OWN PROPOSALS TO  
OVERCOME THE STALEMATE IN MBFR. SCHMIDT INDICATED  
FURTHER ON MARCH 30 THAT HE WANTED TO TALK TO BREZHNEV  
AND CARTER ABOUT THE SUBSTANTIVE SHAPE OF MBFR. SEE  
BONN 07904 AND 06097. END COMMENT). CHANCELLOR HAS  
PERMITTED BRANDT AND OTHER SPD OFFICIALS TO SPEAK THEIR  
MIND BUT HAS NOT ENDORSED THEIR POSITIONS.

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4. KINKEL SAID HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING GENSCHER THIS MONTH TO MOSCOW FOR PREPARATION OF LATE AUTUMN BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN. KINKEL SAID LITTLE WAS NOW EXPECTED OF BREZHNEV VISIT, ON MBFR OR ON OTHER TOPICS. GENSCHER HAS MADE THIS CLEAR IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH EHMKE LAST WEEK.

5. KINKEL SAID GENSCHER HAD NO OBJECTION TO "LIGHT MOVEMENT" IN MBFR PENDING SALT TWO AGREEMENT BUT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER AND CHANCELLOR ANTICIPATED NO REAL MBFR PROGRESS BEFORE SALT CONCLUDED. WHILE SKEPTICAL OVER POTENTIAL FOR SUCH MOVEMENT IN DATA AREA, GENSCHER WAS PREPARED TO MAKE EFFORT IF FRAMEWORK WAS NOT PREJUDICIAL TO COALITION AGREEMENT ON NATIONAL CEILING ISSUE. GENSCHER WAS GRATIFIED BY SECRETARY'S POSITION ON DATA ISSUE IN LONDON.

6. KINKEL PREDICTED FLATLY -- BOTH IN THIS TALK AND IN PRIOR DISCUSSIONS ON MARGINS OF APAG MEETING IN ISTANBUL -- THAT SPD/FDP COALITION WOULD NOT SURVIVE  
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DURATION OF GOVERNMENT PERIOD. HE SAID COALITION WOULD NOT END BECAUSE OF EROSION OF POSITION IN LAENDER ELECTIONS BUT DUE TO SPD/FDP DISAGREEMENT IN PARTICULAR ISSUE. ACCORDING TO KINKEL, GENSCHER HAD GIVEN SCHMIDT TO UNDERSTAND THAT MBFR COULD BE SUCH AN ISSUE IF CHANCELLOR SUPPORTED BRANDT ON SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS OR WEAKENED ON NATIONAL CEILING ISSUE.  
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